PRINCIPAL’S SAY

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Sarah Lowndes arrived with a bounce in her step and a willingness to step straight into her role as Principal for a day. The “Principal for a day” program provides an opportunity for business and community leaders to experience first hand a typical day in a government school. The goal of the day is to create connections that can continue long after the day is over.

Sarah Lowndes, Head of Strategy and Business Performance at the National Australia Bank, has a lead role in helping to design and implement strategies to help the business grow and succeed. She has enjoyed a varied career across government, pharmaceutical and the finance sectors. It is a background that enabled her to provide some insightful comments about the challenges we face as we grow and develop Albert Park College.

Her day started with an early morning partnerships meeting led by parents at Albert Park College. She was a lively contributor and provided some meaningful and quite timely advice on how to build partnerships with the corporate sector.

She followed this up with a tour of the school. Sarah connected well with the students and was soon engaged in a discussion with a group of Year 8 students who were discussing the impact of interest rates and inflation. These are two big topics for someone working in the banking sector. Sarah, who has a bachelor of Economics, is passionate about numbers and she highlighted the importance of a strong knowledge of Mathematics.

She was also pretty impressed by the food department and will soon be bringing back 30 bankers to work alongside our students in our very own version of Masterchef. It will interesting to see what delicacies they produce in the kitchen.

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Sarah mingled well with the students and even pitched in to become the “official” school photographer as we watched our students take part in a circus workshop at Circus Oz.

A highlight of the day was the workshop she delivered to the student leadership group. Sarah was quite passionate about widening the students’ awareness of the range of careers available. She emphasized that there are a series of different career paths you can follow and that we will all need to be able to adapt to changing circumstances in the future.

She shared her view of the qualities that business are looking for when they employ new people and emphasized the importance of having a balance between academic and social skills. Employers are looking for good communicators who work well in teams. People with drive and ambition who know what they want to achieve but also people who have perspective and balance in their life.

Sarah also met with the staff leadership team and we had a wide-ranging and fascinating discussion in which we actively discussed challenges we share such as how to create an “aspirational culture” in our organizations. Sarah highlighted the importance of being authentic and respectful and creating value through excellence.

The single most important point that resonated with me throughout the day was her focus on developing “people leaders.” People who know how to manage themselves and interact with others. Leaders who can communicate in a succinct and compelling manner.

I was impressed by Sarah’s willingness to share her knowledge and experience and the way she connected with the school community. Sarah has made a commitment to continue her connection with the school and we are looking forward to her return.

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal

Sarah’s testimonial:

“My Principal for a Day experience gave me insight into not just the role of the Principal but how the key stakeholders in a school, i.e. the teachers, administrative staff, parents and of course students, interact. I got to experience the work of a Principal from a range of angles and see what some of the tradeoffs might be facing a leader in his situation. Although I enjoyed the whole day, I enjoyed my discussions on leadership with the school’s leadership team as it reinforced to all of us the kinds of challenges we face in the workplace are not unique. I will work to maintain my connection with the school into the future.”

Sarah Lowndes
NAB
APC’S ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

This term APC has been very pleased to welcome local artist and parent Julian Twigg as an artist in residence in the Art department. Julian’s own artwork has a focus on water, the bay and ships, making the second floor art room a perfect ‘room with a view’ for his painting studio. The students have welcomed him into their lessons, building on his techniques and experiences through creating their own paintings of the local beach and bay areas.

The students have responded very positively to Julian’s influence in the classroom and many make his easel their first stop when entering the classroom. Antonio Pecori, a Year 7 student said “I like having someone to get hints and tips from and looking at a real artist’s work provides inspiration. Being able to see the work of a professional artist has helped with my own painting”. Gabby Broderick, also in Year 7 is similarly positive - “It’s very interesting to watch him work and it’s very inspirational”. Julian has really taken to the space and is starting to use the art room like an art studio “I used to live right nearby on the water and paint this subject matter a lot so I have been revisiting some of those themes”. Julian is represented by Australian Galleries in Collingwood and is preparing for a show there in February next year.
DENNIS GLOVER VISIT

This term the year nine students have read George Orwell’s novels Animal Farm and 1984 in a study that has proven particularly relevant to today. Adding greatly to our understanding of these novels, the political columnist Dennis Glover recently presented to our year level about the works of this influential author.

Dennis Glover is a professional speechwriter and the author of two books: Orwell’s Australia and The Art of Great Speeches. He gave a fascinating presentation about the life and works of George Orwell, and gave us insight into Orwell’s mind. We learnt much about the novels, the themes explored within them as well as the real events that inspired them. The presentation provided us with an unending source of knowledge to draw upon as we begin to write our final text response essays.

But beyond the academic implications, this understanding of Orwell’s writings is especially significant with regard to the events that have occurred recently in the world. The successes and failures of the middle-eastern revolutions evoke images of Animal Farm while modern issues of technology, media, privacy and government transparency remind us of the world warned against and satirised in 1984. As students, we are very grateful to have the opportunity to explore such important and thought provoking concepts, and we thank Dennis Glover for his presentation.

Campbell Rider 9MB
THE DA VINCI EXHIBITION

The Da Vinci Exhibition night was a raving success. As soon as you walked into the space you were greeted by APC student ushers, then as you collected your People’s Choice Award voting paper you walked through to the exhibition; one step in and you knew you were in the midst of something special. Students stood at their individual exhibitions and as the public walked by, they explained and let them interact with their work. Music filled the air and the space was buzzing with expectation.

Over two terms we had experimented, researched, analysed, brainstormed and created. Every student lead their own learning and inspired others in the process.

We started this experience by researching different aspects of the environment - we collected our own data and presented it in any way we wanted - within reason. We were teaching ourselves and our peers; at the same time, getting an idea of what we wanted to achieve within our rich task. At that time, the rich task was but a mysterious and exciting journey - nobody really knew what it was or if it would bite.

We collected, learnt and researched in ExploraTree; in eARTh we were practising or discovering new techniques in painting, composing music, designing multimedia or taking photos. We had multitude classes of experimentation.

As the end of Term 1 neared we were told to buckle our seats because that was only the start of it.

Term two was full of opportunity. We chose our topics and our final create response piece. Of course it wasn't that simple, there was a lot of brainstorming and sometimes somewhat confused teenagers. The long process was just at its beginning.

From a structured, teacher lead learning style we turned 180 degrees around and were suddenly picking our own topic, creating our own questions and relying on ourselves to plan, manage and produce our own work, not our teachers.

Da Vinci has taught us to be more independent and responsible for our learning and refined our work ethic and approach. It has also taught us how precious our environment is to our survival.

The exhibition was the ultimate outcome of all our efforts.

Join us next time in celebrating this unique program, and together let us embrace our precious environment.

Molly McKenna
Year 9 The Da Vinci Project
HAMAG VICTORIAN EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE

530 students from all over Victoria competed in the Hamag Victorian Equestrian Interschool Challenge over five days at Werribee. Nellie Playfoot represented Albert Park College in each category: show horse, jumping, dressage, vaulting and combined training. For the second consecutive year she was the only Victorian student to compete in all disciplines. Highlights included a 3rd and 4th in showjumping, Nellie placed 3rd overall in jumping, 7th in dressage, show horse and combined training and a 2nd in vaulting Pas de Deux with her sister.

Nellie was also selected as one of the finalists in equine vaulting for the Equestrian Victoria Young Ambassador Training Weekend 26 – 27 July. Over an intensive weekend the finalists received training and mentoring in their own discipline and in the areas of media, debating, current affairs, fitness and public relations.

The system has over many years identified participants whom have been great ambassadors for their equine sport and some have represented Australia in the Olympic and World Equestrian Games. Nellie as part of Melbourne Equestrian Vaulting will travel to the Sydney International Equestrian Centre in September to represent the state in the nationals.
APC DISTRICT ATHLETICS SUCCESS!

On Thursday 12th September APC’s Athletics Squad competed at the Beachside Athletics Meet at Lakeside Stadium. Our athletes were brilliant, achieving great results both personally and as a squad. Albert Park College placed 5th overall with entries from only three age categories, suggesting we will be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come!

Our first major success were winning the Junior Boys category at the meet, with most of the boys placing first and second in their events. The U13 Boys Relay team were very successful, not only winning their event, but breaking the record by 54.1 seconds!

And our second major success was having our first ever Age Champion at the district level, with Bahati Hassani gaining the most points in the U13 division.

Individual successes were frequent and the following students will be going to the metropolitan finals next term as they placed 1st in their event:

**Year 7**
- Ari Parmanand – Triple Jump, U13 Boys Relay team
- Albert Alvarez – U13 Boys Relay team
- Daniel Thomson – U13 Boys Relay team
- Andrew Occleshaw – U13 Boys Relay team
- Bahati Hassani – 400m

**Year 8**
- Anya Scoble-Hansen – Shot Put
- Alex Tillack – Triple Jump
- Camryn Edwards – Javelin

**Year 9**
- Lochie Rennie – Hurdles
- Zahir Hag – 800m

Congratulations to all students who competed on the day! Great results from everyone!

The next round is in term four and we wish all the athletes the best of luck with their events!

Ms Sue-Ellen Goddee
YEAR 7 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REPORT

On Friday 30th August the Year 7 Boys basketball team (selected from the APC basketball academy) competed against other state schools in our district at Waverley Basketball Centre. The team played well in their first few games and won all three before the finals, finishing first in our pool. In the semi final APC came up against a competitive Elwood college and won by two points. We secured a spot in the grand final, playing against a very talented group from Cheltenham. The boys started the game playing smart and continued neck and neck the whole game. In the end the game drew and went into a three minute overtime. APC was determined for the next few minutes and yet again there was nothing between the two teams. With only a couple of seconds left on the clock, down by three points, the team kept cool heads and Joel hit the buzzer beater three to send the game into double overtime. APC were not going to give up easily and for the next three minutes played good, decisive basketball. Again, Albert Park College were three points behind with very little time left. Our coach Nick had a time out and devised a play for the final few seconds of the game. The ball was passed inbounds and the play had got Kurtis open for the three. He made the clutch shot to force the game into triple overtime. For the final few minutes the game was just as close, APC were one point up with only seconds left. Cheltenham got the ball at their offensive end and shot the ball, the shot missed but Cheltenham had the rebound with one or two seconds left. They put it up under the basket and the shot went in to end the game with Cheltenham winning by one point. The team had played great basketball and gave it all their best. The game ended with a disappointing result but could have gone either way.

PLAYER PROFILE

JEREMY SCOTT

My name is Jeremy Scott, I play basketball for Albert Park College Basketball Academy as well as Melbourne Tigers and Beaumaris Sharks outside of school, and have previously represented Victoria for my age group. I compete on Friday nights and Saturday mornings and train every day, either after school or in the academy, usually for at least 2 hours a day. My main achievement this year has been representing Victoria for 12 and under in the National Championship Tournament in Perth. The team of highly skilled young basketballers played a total of eight games in six days, usually playing two games a day with only one day rest over the tournament. Victoria performed outstandingly, winning every game by as much as 80 points and as little as 28 points. Our main competition came from South Australia and Australian Capital Territory. We won the grand final against South Australia by 32 points to bring home gold. It was an amazing experience that I will never forget and I was very impressed by the team’s performance and happy with my individual performance. I averaged 8.5 points per game and I think that the week dramatically improved my basketball. My goals for next year are to represent Victoria Metro, win Victorian Championship with Melbourne Tigers and win the tournaments APC compete in. My life ambitions are to play at a professional level in the NBL or NBA and represent Australia in the Olympics.
APC SNOW CAMP

On the 26th to the 29th of August, Year 7s and Year 8s from APC went on a snow camp to Falls Creek. We left from school at 5am, it was a long and windy bus trip but we finally got there at noon. We went straight to ski hire from the bus and then went up to the top of the mountain for our lessons.

Ski lessons were fun and a good way to learn new techniques and runs I wouldn’t know without them. Lessons went for around an hour and a half and after that we were allowed to go free skiing. We skied in groups of four wherever we wanted, all over the mountain. Free skiing was fun but a few times I found myself going on runs that required a bit of cross-country skiing.

The meals were cooked and cleaned up by the students on the duty groups. Being on kitchen duty wasn’t that bad but I would rather have been outside skiing.

On the last day, after a short day of skiing and cleaning our lodge we all got back on the bus to head home. At the bottom of the mountain we had some early dinner at 3pm and went straight back to school. It was sad to go back home after having such a fun week at ski camp and I wish I could go again next year.

Miriam Wilkins 8RC

DISTRICT HOCKEY

On Friday we traveled to Hawthorn Hockey Centre to play district hockey. Both Cheltenham teams played well. APC boys team played well in the first half but didn’t manage to score. But in the second half we scored and finished with 1-0, the goal was scored by Antonio. APC girls team on the other hand soldiered on and smashed the other team with a 2-0 score. We hope we can win at the next level. Overall, a great performance by both teams.

Felix Harvey 7FB
ROBOCUP JUNIOR STATE FINALS
SCIENCEWORKS 23 AUGUST 2013

“RoboCupJunior Australia is a project-oriented educational initiative that supports local, regional and international robotic events for young students. Teams work in a co-operative and supportive environment in three distinct challenges: Dance, Rescue and Soccer.

The focus of RoboCupJunior is the development of teamwork skills as well technical skills in an environment of participation, fun and excitement.”

I entered into Robocup Junior: Rescue Division. The scenario behind this division is: A terrible earthquake has hit the city and caused a large chemical storage unit to rupture spilling thousands of litres of toxic chemicals in the centre of the city. There is a person trapped on a sinking water tank in the middle of the chemical spill. Rescue crews are having trouble entering the city with the amount of rubble around and rescue from the air has also been ruled out due to the noxious gases rising around the city. It has been decided that the best form of rescue is the deployment of an autonomous robot that can navigate to the scene and rescue the stranded person on the water tank by pushing or dragging the water tank out of the chemical spill. This division required me to program a robot to follow a course where the robot had to follow a black line on white tiles with many obstacles along the course. After negotiating the obstacles my robot arrived at a green coloured area which indicated the chemical spill, from here I rescued the victim by pushing it out of the chemical spill.

My robot’s name was TMO343 and we competed against 27 other students from schools around Victoria. It was very exciting but at the same very scary as I didn’t know what would happen on the day. My robot was programmed to respond to the amount of light and I didn’t know what the lighting conditions would be at Scienceworks. I was very pleased that I came 10th out of 27 robots as it was very difficult. It also showed me that my programming skills had progressed to a higher level. I look forward to competing in Premiere Rescue next year, if you would like to find out more about RoboCup Junior then visit their website, http://www.robocupjunior.org.au/ and if anyone from Albert Park College would like to compete then email Harry on harryjupp@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au and we could form a school team.

Harry Jupp 8VK
TAX FILE NUMBERS

Students seeking employment please be advised that you are able to apply for your TFN through the College. Please come to Reception to pick up a form.

ART DEPARTMENT

We need:
- Old magazines, card stock, vintage papers anything that is usable for collaging.

Thanks!

AMBULANCE COVER

This is a reminder for schools that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance policies/ambulance covers are available from some commercial insurers.
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